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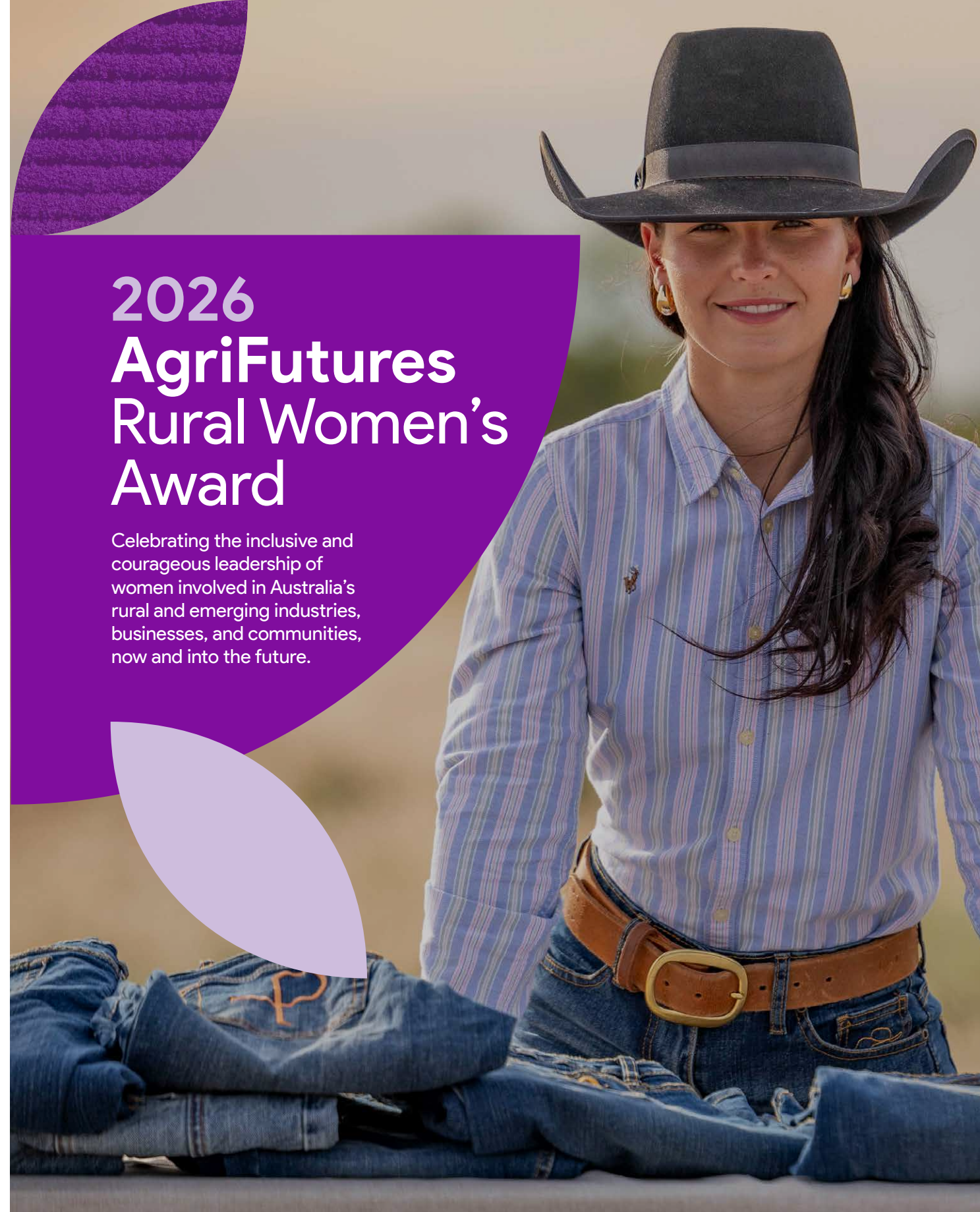


### Supporting Agencies



# 2026 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award

Celebrating the inclusive and courageous leadership of women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, now and into the future.



Isabella Thrupp 2025 WA AgriFutures Rural Women's Award State Winner

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# What is the application process?

Visit our website for more information on the Award, the application form and specific application open and close dates.

We encourage you to contact your State Coordinator - contact details provided online - who will guide you through the application process and provide feedback on your project, business or program.

# Who can apply?

- Applicants are required to have an existing project, business or program which is already live and up and running at the time of application.
- The existing project, business or program needs to fit into at least one of the following categories: Community, Collaboration or Commercial.
- The existing project, business or program must align to a minimum of two of the values of the Award:

- Empathetic
  - Authentic
  - Cooperative
  - Confident
  - Courageous
  - Grit

- Resourceful
  - Pragmatic
  - Clarity of Purpose
  - Inclusive
  - Innovative
- Applicants must identify as female and be over the age of 18.
- Applicants need to be Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- Location is no barrier. If you are creating impact, innovating and making a difference and/or contributing to enhancing the prosperity of rural and regional Australia, then we want to hear from you.
- Applicants must not be a Related Party of AgriFutures Australia.
- No formal qualifications are required.
- Applicants must own the business, project or program that their application is based on.

Date	Activity
Wednesday, 10 September 2025	2025 applications open
Tuesday, 28 October 2025	2025 AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award Gala Dinner and National Announcement
Friday, 7 November 2025	Applications close (all states/territories except NT)
Friday, 30 January 2026	NT applications close
November – March 2026	2026 phone and face-to-face interviews.
March – May 2026	State/Territory Winners announced.
July 2026	2026 State/Territory Winners participate in a three-day workshop and National Selection Panel interviews
September 2026	2026 AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award Gala Dinner and National Announcement
	2027 applications open

*\*When we refer to “rural industries” we mean agriculture, forestry and fisheries.*

*\*When we refer to “rural” this encapsulates rural, regional and remote Australia.*

# What do winners receive?

A \$15,000 Westpac grant is awarded to each state/territory winner, providing the financial resources to support a project, business or program that will benefit rural industries, businesses and/or communities.

All state/territory winners will participate in a separate National Selection Panel interview. The National Winner will be awarded an additional \$20,000 grant and National Runner Up, an additional \$15,000. These additional funds can be used for the above-mentioned activities, plus may also be used to assist in meeting national commitments such as speaking engagements as the National Winner or Runner Up.

Winners will also have the opportunity to complete a professional development training course, and will attend a three-day workshop with all other state/territory winners, to focus on further professional development skills and refinement of their winning project, business or program.

# Selection criteria of the Award

**Selection Criteria 1**  
Your personal pitch - who you are, what you stand for, what is important to you, and what drives you on a daily basis to influence positive change in rural industries, rural and regional Australia?

**Selection Criteria 2**  
Overview of the project, business or program and alignment with Community, Collaboration and Commercial categories.

- Selection Criteria 3**
- (a) Tangible and realistic impacts
  - (b) The future of the project over the next 12 months

- Selection Criteria 4**
- (a) What are your leadership skills and experience to date?
  - (b) What leadership development opportunities are you interested in pursuing to equip yourself with the skills you need to make a difference?

**Selection Criteria 5**  
What are your intentions for the use of the \$15,000 Westpac grant?